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#### THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF JENSEN'S RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Jensen's Residential Communities, Inc., as they celebrate 75 years as an exceptional provider of affordable homes.

Today, I would like to give my congratulations to the Jensen family for their success in establishing and managing communities of premier manufactured homes. I would also like to extend my gratitude on behalf of New Hampshire and its local communities for providing such an excellent combined example of quality and economy.

The Jensen Residential Communities began in 1927 by Mr. Kristian Jensen Sr. as one of the pioneering manufactured home communities in New Hampshire. Since its inception, the housing communities have spread across to seven eastern states, totaling 27 developments. There are currently five Jensen Residential Communities in New Hampshire alone.

I want to congratulate the Jensen family once again for an admirable entrepreneurial endeavor and a first-rate product. Thank you for your continuous pledge to meet the needs of the American family. It is an honor to represent you in the US Senate.●

#### DAVID BIBBER IS RETIRING AFTER A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to commend and congratulate David Bibber who is retiring as chief of Dover's Fire and Rescue.

Davis Bibber has been chief of Dover, NH, Fire and Rescue team since 1978 and has recently decided his position as chief is in need of some "new blood." Bibber was the new kid on the block when he began as a fireman at the Fairfax County fire department in 1962 at 18 years of age. David started as a volunteer and was permitted to live at the fire station while he finished school. After a few short years, David was granted a full-time job with the department. David's story is an inspirational example of the American dream; working his way up to the top.

On David's watch some major accomplishments have been achieved at Dover Fire and Rescue. Among them are the implementation of paramedic services, increased responsibility for emergency management services, greater enforcement of building codes, and an expansion in public education programs throughout the community pertaining to fire and safety. While David has been chief, Dover has also developed a central alarm system by combining the dispatch services for the police and fire department to lessen the response time for support.

Chief Bibber gives all the credit for his and the fire department's successes to his staff. He recognizes the hard work and dedication that each member of the team has offered in order to keep the city's rescue services running smoothly. David also recognizes the hard work that all city workers provide, respecting city counselors in particular for their pro bono duties and efforts to make the lives of Dover residents better.

Congratulations to Mr. David Bibber. I thank you, New Hampshire thanks you, and the city of Dover thanks you for serving the interests of the people with care and capability.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GEN. JOSEPH P. HOAR, U.S. MARINE CORPS, RETIRED

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate General Joe Hoar on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Retired Officers Association, TROA.

Born in Boston, MA, General Hoar entered the Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant in 1958, following his graduation from Tufts University. As an infantry officer, he commanded at all levels from platoon to regiment; he also commanded three Marine Corps Air Ground Task Forces. As a senior military officer, General Hoar became well-known to the members of the Armed Services Committee with his tours of duty as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Programs and Operations for the Marine Corps during the Gulf War, and, from 1991 to 1994, as the Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, the unified command that had the operational responsibilities for the Middle East, South Asia, and the Horn of Africa. He retired from active duty on September 1, 1994 after 37 years of commissioned service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

General Hoar's dedication to service and excellence has not diminished since leaving active duty. He served as a Trustee for the Center for Naval Analyses at Suffolk University in Boston, and as a Fellow of the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. General Hoar was elected to TROA's board of directors in 1996. For the last two years, he served as TROA's Chairman of the Board, the position from which he is now retiring.

Through his stewardship, TROA continues to play a vital role as an advocate of legislative initiatives to maintain readiness and improve the quality of life for all members of the uniformed service community—active: reserve, and retired, plus their families and survivors.

General Hoar has been a strong supporter of the Senate's efforts to improve military readiness and quality-of-life through a competitive compensation package for active and reserve forces, improving health care for retired personnel and their families,

and enhancing protections for the survivors of deceased service members. Under his leadership, TROA has been an invaluable source of information during the Senate's deliberations on a long list of compensation and benefits issues during this extraordinarily productive period.

General Joe Hoar has been a leader in every sense of the word in the U.S. Marine Corps, in TROA, and in the entire military retiree community. I know my colleagues join me in extending very best wishes to General Hoar for continued success in service to his Nation and the uniformed service members whom he has so capably led and served.●

#### IN HONOR OF NATIONAL CHEESECAKE DAY

● Mr. DURBIN: Mr. President, today is a very special day for all Americans, but it is especially near and dear to the hearts of many residents of my home State of Illinois, because today has been designated as National Cheesecake Day.

Some may be tempted to dismiss National Cheesecake Day as another meaningless holiday. To those unenlightened few, I extend my sympathies. For you have truly missed out on one of life's sweetest pleasures. You see, in Illinois, especially in the greater Chicago area, National Cheesecake Day can only mean one thing, Eli's Cheesecake.

When long-time restaurateur and Chicagoan Eli Schulman founded Eli's: The Place for Steak Restaurant, one of his marquee offerings was a superb cheesecake. It quickly became one of Chicago's favorite desserts. So popular, in fact, that Eli's began producing it for other restaurants and retail outlets across the country. Eli's Cheesecake Company has now been a Chicago icon in its own right for more than 20 years.

Since its 1980 debut at the first Taste of Chicago, Eli's Cheesecake has grown to become the largest specialty cheesecake company in the country. In both 1993 and 1997, Eli's Cheesecake was selected to participate in the presidential inaugural festivities, they have supplied desserts on Air Force One for Presidents Reagan to Clinton, and Eli's Cheesecake provided the cake for the First Lady's birthday bash in 1997.

How does a humble homemade Chicago dessert go from after-dinner obscurity to gracing the plates of Presidents and First Ladies?

Actually, there are two answers. The first is the taste. If you've ever had a bite of an Eli's cheesecake, you'd know that there is nothing like it anywhere in the world. Eli's has taken great care to continue making each cheesecake by hand—the same way the very first one was made. This ensures each bite will have the rich, creamy Eli's taste so many have come to love.

The second is the spirit of Eli Schulman himself.

In 1910, a young man named Eli Schulman was born on Chicago's West